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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

Claims 1-12 and 16-20 are all the claims pending in the application.

35 U.S.C. §102:

Claims 1, 5-7, 9, 10 and 17-20

Claims 1, 5-7, 9, 10 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sullivan (U.S. Patent 5,779,561 [hereinafter "Sullivan '561']"). Applicants respectively traverse the rejection in view of the following remarks. /

An exemplary embodiment of the present invention includes a two-piece golf ball or a multi-piece golf ball having a cover (as in claim 1) and an intermediate portion (as in claim 17), which is formed of a composition based on at least one of primary resins selected from among an